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## **MARSHFIELD COUPLE SENTENCED FOR FIREARM, MARIJUANA VIOLATIONS**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Marshfield, Mo., couple was sentenced in federal court today for firearm and marijuana violations.

**Gene Bass**, 67, and **Anna Romleski**, 39, both of Marshfield, were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning.

**Bass** was sentenced to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm and **Romleski** was sentenced to three years of federal probation for manufacturing marijuana. The first six months of **Romleski's** probation is to be served in home detention, Graves said.

On Feb. 11, 2004, **Bass** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Bass** admitted that he was in possession of a Llama .357 caliber handgun and a Remington 870 pump-action 12-gauge shotgun on July 30, 2003, in Webster County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for a felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Bass** has two 1983 criminal felony convictions for distribution of marijuana and assault.

On Oct. 10, 2003, **Anna Romleski**, 39, of Marshfield, pleaded guilty to a second count of the federal indictment. By pleading guilty, **Romleski** admitted that she knowingly and intentionally manufactured marijuana on July 30, 2003, in Webster County.

**Bass** and **Romleski** were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 21, 2003, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was

investigated by the Webster County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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